

**Nomination:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Miguel A. Estrada, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit. **Pages S3826–34**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 55 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 56), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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### **Appointment:**

**Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group:** The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276h–276k, as amended, appointed Senator Dodd as Vice Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group conference during the 108th Congress. **Page S3910**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Ellen L. Weintraub, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2007. (Prior to this action, Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of the nomination.)

Michael E. Toner, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2007. (Prior to this action, Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of the nomination.) **Pages S3910, S3911**

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**Record Vote:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—58) **Pages S3834, S3854, S3855**

**Adjournment:** Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:51 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 19, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S3910–11.)

## **Committee Meetings**

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### **BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE**

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Military Construction concluded hearings to examine the base realignment and closure process and the critical importance of the rationalization of military infrastructure to the Department of Defense, focusing on base reuse and community profile, environmental cleanup and property disposal, after receiving testimony from Raymond F. Dubois, Deputy Under Secretary for Installations and Environment, Mario Fiori, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations and Environment, Nelson Gibbs, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment, and Logistics, and Wayne Army, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations and Facilities, all of the Department of Defense; Robert B. Leonard, Sacramento County Airport System, Sacramento, California; James C. Bryan, Charleston Naval Complex Redevelopment Authority, Charleston, South Carolina; and Brigadier General Paul Roberson, USAF (Ret.), San Antonio, Texas.

### **DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION**

**Committee on Armed Services:** Committee concluded hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal years 2004 for the Department of Defense, focusing on ballistic missile defense, after receiving testimony from Edward C. Aldridge, Jr., Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Thomas P. Christie, Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, J.D. Crouch II, Assistant Secretary for International Security Policy, and Lieutenant General Ronald T. Kadish, USAF, Director, Missile Defense Agency, all of the Department of Defense.

### **INTERNET GAMBLING**

**Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:** Committee concluded hearings to examine proposals to regulate illegal Internet gambling, including S. 627, to prevent the use of certain payments instruments, credit cards, and fund transfers for unlawful Internet gambling, after receiving testimony from Senator Kyl; John G. Malcolm, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal, Hartford; William S. Saum, National Collegiate Athletic Association, Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr., American Gaming Association, Stewart A. Baker, U.S. Internet Service Provider Association, and L. Richard Fischer, Morrison and Foerster, all of Washington, D.C.; and Frank

Catania, Catania Consulting, North Haledon, New Jersey, on behalf of the Interactive Gaming Council.

#### **2004 BUDGET: FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE**

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water concluded hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2004 for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, after receiving testimony from Steven A. Williams, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

#### **NOMINATION**

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Mark W. Everson, of Texas, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Department of the Treasury, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

#### **WAR ON TERRORISM**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the war on terrorism, focusing on diplomacy issues, the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of State, and the Millennium Challenge Account which are funds initiatives to improve the economies and standards of living in qualified developing countries, after receiving testimony from Marc Grossman, Under Secretary for Political Affairs, Grant S. Green, Jr., Under Secretary for Management, J. Cofer Black, Coordinator for Counterterrorism, all of the Department of State; John S. Pistole, Deputy Assistant Di-

rector, Counterterrorism Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Juan C. Zarate, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Executive Office for Terrorist Financing and Financial Crimes.

#### **COLOMBIAN HOSTAGES**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on the current hostage situation in Colombia from Marc Grossman, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs.

#### **CONTRACT BUNDLING**

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the practice of contract bundling in federal agency procurement, focusing on the loss of federal jobs in small business, after receiving testimony from Hector V. Barreto, Administrator, U.S. Small Business Administration; Angela B. Styles, Administrator, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, Office of Management and Budget; Deidre Lee, Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics; David E. Cooper, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, General Accounting Office; Carol Kuc, Complete Conference Coordinators, Inc., Naperville, Illinois, on behalf of Women Impacting Public Policy; Eric A. Adolphe, OPTIMUS Corporation, Silver Spring, Maryland; Paul Murphy, Eagle Eye Publishers, Inc., Fairfax, Virginia; and Michael E. Robinson, Massachusetts Manufacturing Extension Partnership, Worcester.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Measures Introduced:** 42 public bills, H.R. 1302–1343; 1 private bill, H.R. 1344; and 8 resolutions, H.J. Res. 40; H. Con. Res. 96–100, and H. Res. 147–148, were introduced. **Pages H1952–54**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H1954–56**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

Filed on March 17, H. Con. Res. 95, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2004 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2003 and 2005 through 2013 (H. Rept. 108–37);

H. Res. 68, requesting the President to transmit to the House of Representatives not later 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution doc-

uments in the President's possession relating to Iraq's declaration on its weapons of mass destruction that was provided to the United Nations on December 7, 2002, amended (Adverse, H. Rept. 108–38);

H.R. 874, to establish a program, coordinated by the National Transportation Safety Board, of assistance to families of passengers involved in rail passenger accidents (H. Rept. 108–39);

H.R. 975, to amend title 11 of the United States Code, amended (H. Rept. 108–40, Pt. 1);

H. Res. 132, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruling in *Newdow v. United States Congress* is inconsistent with the Supreme Court's interpretation of the first amendment and should be overturned (H. Rept. 108–41);